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The Honorable Pat McCarran
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarran:

Reference is made to your letter of 18 February 1949, requesting the comments of this Agency on S. 595, a bill relating to the internal security of the United States, presently before your Committee.

Section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947 (Public Law 253 - 80th Congress) specifically prohibits this Agency from any police, subpoena, law-enforcement powers or internal security functions. Inasmuch as S. 595 deals primarily with the internal security of the United States, it would be inappropriate for this Agency to comment upon it generally.

However, Section 4 of this bill proposes an amendment which might impair certain of our activities in the field of foreign intelligence. For this reason I would like to suggest that S. 595 be amended by the striking out of the semi-colon at page 6, line 9, the insertion of a comma, and the following additional material:

"or unless by reason of employment at any time by an agency of the United States Government having responsibilities in the field of intelligence such person has made full disclosure of such knowledge or instruction to officials within such agencies and a determination has been made by the Attorney General or the Director of Central Intelligence that registration would not be in the interest of national security."

At the appropriate time, I would be very happy to testify as to the reasons which impel us to request this amendment. Because of the nature of these reasons, however, and the

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UNITED STATES SENATE
Committee on the Judiciary

February 18, 1949

Rear Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

My dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The Judiciary Committee is herewith transmitting S. 595 for your study and report thereon in triplicate.

To facilitate the work of the Committee, it is urgently requested that your report be submitted within 20 days. The Committee should be formally advised in writing if any delay beyond this time period is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Pat McCarran, Chairman.

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security implications involved, I would appreciate it if any testimony which you desire in this connection may be given by me in executive session.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

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REAR ADMIRAL, USN
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